

**Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board**

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Water Board Meeting  
March 1, 2012  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Fran Diamond at 9:17 am.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Board Members Present: Maria Camacho, Fran Diamond, Madelyn Glickfeld, Mary Ann Lutz, Maria Mehranian, Irma Muñoz, Charles Stringer, and Lawrence Yee

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sam Unger, Deborah Smith, Paula Rasmussen, Ronji Moffett, Jennifer Fordyce, Alex Carlos, Frances McChesney, David Hung, Renee Purdy, Cassandra Owens, Hugh Marley, Michael Lyons, Rosario Aston, Brandi Outwin-Beals, Russ Colby, Dr. Yue Rong, Dr. Arthur Heath, Rebecca Christmann, Mazhar Ali

Individuals whose Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet and/or Speaker Cards

Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay	Mr. Joe Chrisman, Consultant
Ms. Susie Santilena, Heal the Bay	Mr. Jim Thorsen, City of Malibu
Ms. Liz Crosson, Santa Monica Baykeeper	Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District
Ms. Teresa Renteria, City of Duarte	Mr. Cindy Lin, USEPA
Mr. Frank Wu, L.A. County DPW	Ms. Alison Wong, L.A. County Flood Control District
Ms. Heather Maloney, City of Monrovia	Ms. Latoya Cyrus, Consultant
Mr. Kaden Young, City of Culver City	Ms. Lauren Amimoto, City of Inglewood
Mr. Chris Lapaz, City of Bell Gardens	Ms. Claudia Aveyano, City of Vernon
Mr. Blake Whittington, CWH	Ms. Kathleen McGowan, Consultant
Mr. Richard Watson, Richard Watson Associates	Mr. Mike Shady, City of Redondo Beach
Ms. Vivian Castro, City of Covina	Ms. Julie Carver, City of Pomona
Ms. Meg McWade, City of Pomona	Mr. Ed Suhen, City of Industry
	Mr. Cody Howing, City of Bradbury

Item 2. Order of Agenda.

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*There were no changes to the Order of Agenda.*

Item 3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for the December 8, 2011 Board meeting.

MOTION: To approve the draft meeting Minutes for December 8, 2011 meeting. (*Board member Mary Ann Lutz recused herself from this vote.*)

First: Vice Chair Charles Stringer  
Second: Board Member Irma Muñoz  
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

MOTION: To approve the draft meeting Minutes for February 2, 2012 meeting.

First: Board Member Fran Diamond  
Second: Vice Chair Charles Stringer  
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 4. Board Member Communications.

*There were no communications that constituted disclosure. However, there were a few Board members who reported that they had received letters from an individual, but forwarded the correspondence to the Executive Officer, Sam Unger.*

Item 5a. Executive Officer's Report

Report and Addendum Report was given to the Board. The Report was posted on the Board's website: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles>

Item 5b. Enforcement Report.

*An oral report was given by Mr. Hugh Marley, acting Enforcement Chief. During Mr. Marley's presentation, he made, but was not limited to the following points:*

- Enforcement program goals are to ensure discharger compliance with permits, Orders, and Directives
- State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Enforcement Policy provides regional Boards with guidance for identifying and investigating noncompliance, taking enforcement actions appropriate to the violation, prioritizing resources and ranking enforcement priorities, and use of Supplement Environmental Projects (SEPs)
- Discussed enforcement summary totals by program for fiscal year 2011-2012.
- Discussed the expedited payment letter progress, and other enforcement highlights

Item 6. Update from State Board. This Report was made by liaison and State Board member Fran Spivy-Weber. Ms. Weber made but was not limited to the following comments:

- State Board will hold a Chairs meeting in March 26, 2012
- There will be a Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting (WQCC) in November 2012, but no date has been set yet for this 2-day meeting. During this meeting the focus will be on Statewide Groundwater Policy, and the board's feedback is desired.
- There has been a \$3 million commitment made towards the 4<sup>th</sup> and Slauson (Los Angeles) Sewer Project from the Revolving Fund.

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- State Board Director's Report is now available on-line

Item 7. Public Forum Speakers.

- Mr. Jim Thorsen, City of Malibu (*Mr. Thorsen gave a status report on the Centralized Wastewater Treatment Plant. He indicated that the City has begun Phase 2, and will soon embark upon Phase 3. It is a \$4.2 million project.*)
- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay (*Heal the Bay discussed exceedances and violations that have occurred since the last adoption of the MS4 Permit. Ms. James expressed that Heal the Bay does not agree with moving the MS4 permit back to September 2012 for adoption.*)
- Ms. Alison Wong, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (*Discussed the County's water conservation system and recharge of ground water basins*)

Approval of Uncontested Calendar.

*Executive Officer Sam Unger announced the Consent items as follows: Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.*

MOTION: To deem non-controversial and approve Agenda Item(s): Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

First: Board Member Madelyn Glickfeld

Second: Board Member Mary Ann Lutz

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 15. City of Burbank (Burbank Water Reclamation Plant)

Staff Report by Ms. Brandi Outwin-Beals. (*Ms. Brandi Outwin-Beals, made, but was not limited to the following points in her presentation.*)

- The plant serves 100,000 people
- The plant has a had a number of violations, but there have been no violations since September 2010
- Discussed the compliance history
- Discussed the new Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC) Special Study
- Discussed the new chronic toxicity reporting requirements
- New Los Angeles River Watershed Monitoring Program
- Discussed other applicable orders
- The Time Schedule Order is set to expire on the effective date of the WRR permit
- Will renew WRR's once permit has been adopted
- USEPA comments support the permit
- The Change Sheet has a more specific reopener

Presentation by City of Burbank was made by Mr. Daniel Rynn, City of Burbank. (*Mr. Rynn made, but was not limited to the following points during his presentation.*)

- Presented history background
- Gave an update on latest modifications and upgrades
- The facility provides water to DWP for human consumption, and other uses include CalTrans, cemeteries, and parks
- The major concern is the copper limits
- Expect 3 exceedances
- The 95 and 99 percentile have been used to define performance

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Public Comment:

- Ms. Cindy Lin, USEPA (in support of performance-based copper limits, and believes the limits are adequate)
- Ms. Susie Santilena, Heal the Bay (Supports performance – based limits, and believe they are consistent with antidegradation requirements, but does not support the WER Study, or delaying the permit)

Board Comments:

- Wanted to confirm that the options proposed by City of Burbank have been discussed
- The Board commended City of Burbank for the upgrades and improvements that have been done
- Asked clarification about the reopener
- Asked for staff’s perspective on WERs
- Asked if anti-backsliding would impact a lower limit?
- Concern that MMPs could impede performance by dischargers and would like the State Board to address this in policy discussions

MOTION: To adopt the permit with the last revision to the Change sheet.

First: Board member Mary Ann Lutz

Second: Board member Irma Muñoz

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Closed session break was taken at 1:05 pm

Meeting reconvened at 1:45 pm

Item 16. Informational Update and Summary by Mr. Mark Malinowski, Branch Chief with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). (*Mr. Malinowski made but was not limited to the following points during his presentation.*)

- Currently working with Boeing, DOE, and NASA
- The plume is not migrating
- Discussed regulatory history
- EPA chemical characterization will be complete by 2014
- NASA activities are broken into 6 fundamental groups
- Discussed demolition activities

*\*Board Vice Chair Charles Stringer excused himself during this informational presentation.*

(For more detailed information on any matter at our meetings, you may contact Ronji Moffett at (213) 576-6612 or [rmoffett@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rmoffett@waterboards.ca.gov) and she may provide an electronic copy of the transcript or audio.)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Written and submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_, then finalized on  
Ronji R. Moffett

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